

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 08688

E.O.11652:GDS  
TAGS: EAIR, CASC, UR  
SUBJECT: DOWNED KOREAN AIRLINER

REF: HELSINKI 1215

1. MFA OFFICIAL SINITSYN ADVISES THAT PASSENGERS AND  
CREW ARE STILL PRESENTLY IN AREA OF KEM AND WILL BE  
TAKEN TO MURMANSK "ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY" WITH ARRIVAL OF  
PAN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT THERE. HE "ASSUMED" THAT THEY  
WOULD BE TRANSPORTED TO MURMANSK BY AIR.

2. WE INFORMED SINITSYN THAT THERE IS BAGGAGE AND MAIL  
ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT AND ASKED FOR ASSURANCES THAT IT  
WOULD BE TRANSPORTED TO MURMANSK AND PLACED ON PAN  
AMERICAN AIRCRAFT. HE ASKED "WHAT KIND OF MAIL?" WE  
TOLD HIM DIPLOMATIC MAIL. SINITSYN SAID HE WOULD LOOK  
INTO THIS MATTER. HE SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED BACK TO SAY HE  
"ASSUMED" THAT BAGGAGE AND MAIL WOULD GO WITH THE  
PASSENGERS AND CREW TO MURMANSK.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO ASSIST  
KOREANS TO RECOVER THEIR MAIL, SINCE AIRCRAFT IS IN  
SOVIET HANDS AND SINCE WE HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH  
SURVIVORS AS YET, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT SOVIETS WOULD  
NOT ALREADY HAVE MADE CUSTOMARY THOROUGH SEARCH. TOON

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